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April 7, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The recent spike in gasoline prices has caused significant concern in our states and across the country. We are particularly troubled by the fact that gasoline prices began soaring even in advance of the February 10, 2004 OPEC announcement of output restrictions, and the people in our states are asking why prices have risen so dramatically.

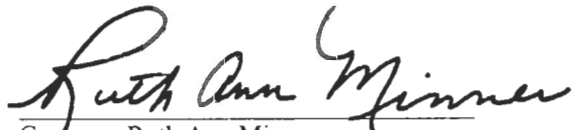
Because the recent price increases have a ripple effect on other critical components of our economy, it is important that the petroleum industry give an accurate and straight-forward explanation for the causes of the recent price spikes. This is a significant national concern, and it deserves more than the traditional Washington political response of pointing fingers. Therefore, we respectfully request that you direct Attorney General Ashcroft or another appropriate federal authority conduct a prompt and thorough inquiry into these issues.

The people in our states have a right to understand how the industry sets the gasoline prices they pay. At a minimum, Americans deserve a complete and credible explanation from the petroleum industry as to why prices have risen so significantly in the last several weeks.


We look forward to hearing from you or your administration on this important issue.

Yours very truly,


Governor Janet Napolitano
Arizona

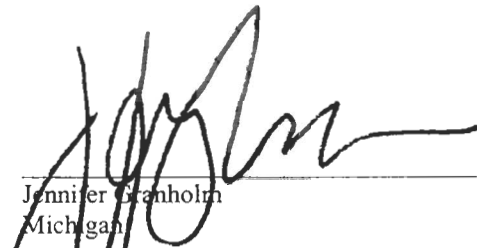

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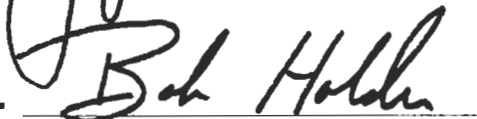
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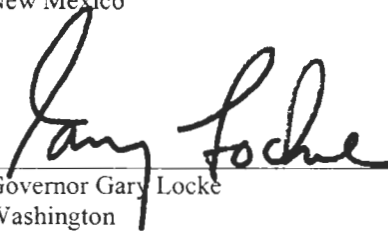
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